

## Before Starting the CoC Application

You must submit all three of the following parts in order for us to consider your Consolidated Application complete:

1. the CoC Application,
2. the CoC Priority Listing, and
3. all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected.

As the Collaborative Applicant, you are responsible for reviewing the following:

1. The FY 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2022 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

Many questions require you to address multiple elements in a single text box. Number your responses to correspond with multi-element questions using the same numbers in the question. This will help you organize your responses to ensure they are complete and help us to review and score your responses.

Attachments

Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with—if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.

- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

## 1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** GA-504 - Augusta-Richmond County CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Augusta, Georgia

**1A-3. CoC Designation:** CA

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Augusta, Georgia

## 1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.p., and VII.B.1.r.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:	
1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or	
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:	

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	No
2.	Agencies serving survivors of human trafficking	Nonexistent	No	No
3.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
5.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
6.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	No	No
7.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Hospital(s)	Yes	No	No
9.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
10.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	No	No
12.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	No	No	No
13.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	No
15.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

17.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	No	No	No
19.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	No	No
22.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	No	No
23.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
25.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	No	No
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
33.	Youth Service Providers	Nonexistent	No	No
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
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By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.(2)	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	communicated a transparent invitation process annually (e.g., communicated to the public on the CoC's website) to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC solicits and considers opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals by conducting open, public meetings for general membership, and all subcommittees and work groups. Notice of general meetings is emailed in advance to over 200 individuals and organizations with knowledge, capacity and a dedicated mission to reduce homelessness in the community. These open meetings encourage the free flow of ideas for improvements and new approaches to prevent and end homelessness in Richmond County. Our meetings are forums where we receive input from agencies and share information regarding policy and advocacy/action updates from committees. This allows the CoC to actively engage partners in the work of the committee level of the CoC. During CoC meetings, information is shared and received from partner agencies and community resources via the planned agenda and open call for information before adjourning. The CoC also hosts at least one public meeting for the City of Augusta's Annual AP/CP engagement process. Using these forums, information is regularly obtained to identify any service gaps experienced in the community as well as providing open dialogue on identifying available resources that can be leveraged to benefit the homeless populations of our service area. The CoC works to ensure information is available to everyone, regardless of disability. Most communications are made electronically and in PDF format if presented as an attachment. Coordinated Entry contact includes TTY accessibility or the hearing impaired or those who have difficulty speaking. We utilize online formats for communication through a landing page on the City of Augusta website and utilize and continue to improve communication via social media, most recently upgrading the CoC's Facebook presence from a group to an organizational page.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.(3)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;	
	2. communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information; and	
	3. took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.	

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1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.(4)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;	
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;	
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and	
4.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Any organization that is a participating member of the CoC as defined in the charter may apply for CoC funding, including entities that haven't previously received CoC funds. Partner agencies wishing to submit an application proposal must submit by the noted deadline in eSnaps and must participate in the completion of the Community application. As part of the FY2022 CoC Competition, the funding opportunity was communicated to the public through publication in Augusta's recognized legal organ, the Augusta Chronicle referencing the subsequent NOFA information session for prospective applicants held at the monthly Homeless Task Force Meeting. The CA then announced the opportunity during the July quarterly CoC meeting and subsequent Augusta, GA Con Plan public meeting on July 28, 2022. Additional notifications were made through distribution list mailings, social media and online posts. Prospective applicants were briefed on eligibility as it related to new projects, priorities, performance expectations and submission requirements at the information session at the HTF Monthly meeting.

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## 1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	In the chart below:	
	1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.	

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	No
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Nonexistent
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	No
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

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1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG and ESG-CV funds;
2.	participated in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients;
3.	provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area; and
4.	provided information to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions within your CoC's geographic area so it could be addressed in Consolidated Plan update.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Augusta HCD administers Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and is the CA/Lead Agency for CoC, affording coordination with the CoC in establishing priorities and performance standards for both ESG and CoC programs. HCD's ESG lead staff member sits on the CoC's Executive Committee and serves as the coordinator in developing funding priorities and performance standards for projects funded through ESG. The CA is also working to update its model for quality and evaluation standards for all HUD funded agencies in order to identify strengths, overcome barriers and improve each agency's overall outcomes. The local HMIS Administrator serves on the Executive Committee and provides TA to all local HCOs to ensure data quality is high in order to properly evaluate outcomes. The CA serves as the PJ for the CP/AP process, meaning integration of homeless data is incorporated into the local planning process and serves as a strong focus in the PJs housing and community development strategy.

1C-3.	Ensuring Families are not Separated.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.c.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ensures emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing (PSH and RRH) do not deny admission or separate family members regardless of each family member's self-reported sexual orientation and gender identity:

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	No
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting AAQs or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance of service providers.	No
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	

1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the entities your CoC collaborates with:

1.	Youth Education Provider	Yes
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	No
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes
4.	School Districts	Yes

1C-4a.	Formal Partnerships with Youth Education Providers, SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

Describe in the field below the formal partnerships your CoC has with at least one of the entities where you responded yes in question 1C-4.

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC partner agency has a dedicated staff person assigned to work with the Richmond County Board of Education's (Board) homeless children's liaison to ensure all homeless children receive eligible services through the board. A MOU between the CE project and the board is in effect to formalize this relationship. The homeless coordinators routinely visit our largest homeless shelter to inform homeless individuals and families of services they may be eligible for. Additionally, transportation services are facilitated by partner agencies in concert with local BoE reps to ensure students are transported to their appropriate school regardless of their current housing situation in a safe and discreet manner.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

To inform households who become homeless of eligibility for education services, the CoC developed and adopted policies and procedures noted within the written standards. Many individual CoC agencies have their own policies and programs for linking clients with educational services. These ensure all households are informed of their rights to access educational services and are supported in accessing these services. CoC policy requires providers to 1) designate a specialized staff person to provide direct educational supports to families who move into permanent housing from shelter as well as 2) designate staff to support families in shelter with ensuring there is no disruption in current education services. The staff person is expected to connect and work with both the families and the school system to ensure the most appropriate services are made available to households and that they are able to overcome any barriers to accessing educational services, including issues with transportation. For example, local shelter staff and supportive housing case managers are required to coordinate with local McKinney-Vento Liaisons in the families' existing school district to coordinate transportation services and ongoing enrollment for children in households experiencing homelessness.

1C-4c.	Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC has written formal agreements or partnerships with the listed providers of early childhood services:

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	No
4.	Early Head Start	Yes	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program—(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	Yes	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
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1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors—Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:

1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
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	2. ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

Local CoC partners with subject matter expertise on victim services, SafeHomes of Augusta; Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services; and Intimate Partner Violence, strive to conduct partner training at least annually at regular, quarterly, full body CoC meetings. To ensure adherence to best practices, the focus of the training is partly to raise awareness of the impact of trauma on survivors of domestic violence, their functioning, and their ability to engage with services. Moreover, the CoC area project staff is educated about the principles of trauma-informed care with an emphasis on their implementation in the safety and planning protocols in order to enhance effectiveness of programs and facilitate a victim-centered approach to both program planning and service provision. Additionally, annual training is conducted with CE staff to ensure that interactions with clients experiencing domestic violence reflect trauma-informed philosophy, prevent re-traumatization, foster sense of safety, and empower clients to move toward engagement with community resources while establishing autonomy and independence. Consequently, the training's trauma informed focus aids in identifying domestic violence victims, developing effective safety plans, and connecting them to the local domestic violence provider where they are able to gain access to further services, such as legal advocacy, financial assistance, counseling, and case management. The information of the identified clients is not entered into HMIS for safety reasons. The CoC's DV provider uses an HMIS comparable database for data collection and client service record retention. Particular importance is placed on early involvement of domestic violence advocates and service providers with domestic violence victims to ensure continuum of care and immediate access to safety and wellness enhancing services.

1C-5a.	Annual Training on Safety and Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.  NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
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	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:
1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).

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1C-5b.	Using De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC uses for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and	
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Entry and exit questionnaires are used to ascertain the specific conditions of the persons experiencing homelessness, including victims of domestic violence. SafeHomes, the appointed CE Lead for domestic violence victims, identifies trends and addresses them with community partners within the CoC as needed to meet client needs. The DV CE Lead provides statistics and other data about these needs to the CoC as they relate to DV and the issue of homelessness. Additionally, review of annual data from HMIS comparable databases assists with identifying service disparities between victims of domestic violence and mainstream beneficiaries, allowing for a more thorough assessment of the unmet needs and gaps in community programs and resources that can inform future decision-making processes.

1C-5c.	Communicating Emergency Transfer Plan to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:		
1.	the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures; and	
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

While the GA-504 CoC's CE implementation is designed to meet the needs of victims of violence accessing services through both victim service providers and providers with services that are not specific to victims, it is the policy of the GA-504 CoC to communicate to all clients, irrespective of acknowledged survivor status, the emergency transfer plan policy and procedure for requesting an emergency transfer. The plan is in compliance with and explanatory of the requirements of VAWA and explains who is eligible for an emergency transfer, documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, privacy and confidentiality protections and how an emergency transfer may occur and guidance to clients on safety and security. The CE process is designed to ensure both safety and confidentiality by the decision of the CoC to appoint SafeHomes of Augusta as CE Lead for DV clients. Assessments conducted by CE staff will explore every possibility of a participant attempting to flee domestic violence, concerned for their safety, victim of stalking and any related violence. In such cases, the following will occur:

- Assessor will ensure that there is not an immediate threat to a participant's safety. If one exists, law enforcement will be contacted
- Participants are offered an immediate referral to DV-specific resources
- Households may choose to complete an assessment and receive services via the CE project or can receive an immediate referral to a DV specific agency
- If being assessed by a DV specific agency, participant information will not be entered into HMIS. De-identified information (DV comparable database, client key, VI-SPDAT score, family size, veteran status and chronicity) will be added to the supplemental prioritization list. Lead agency will follow the standard assessment, prioritization and referral process. CE staff are responsible for ensuring that participants are not denied access to the CE process on the basis that the participant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.

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1C-5d.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area.		

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC DV Lead agency, SafeHomes of Augusta, operates an emergency shelter to immediately house victims/survivors. While in shelter, all necessities are made available to assist clients such as clothing, toiletries and food. During the sheltering process, once immediate needs are addressed, the CoC DV Lead Agency works through the CE referral process to ensure that survivors of violence have access to all the housing & services available w/in the CoC's geographic area. All household referrals to CE, regardless of who is making the referral, are automatically placed on the prioritization list for each project type w/in the CoC, including RRH, PSH and other program placements, as available. The GA-504 CoC's HMIS Lead also invested funds to create a comparable non-HMIS database for referral & prioritization list for those fleeing/attempting to flee DV. The Non-HMIS system allows agencies to create unique id for referrals & the id of the client belongs only to the referring agency. The highest prioritized by project type is offered to the client for program enrollment, regardless of which list they were on. While being a survivor of DV may create additional opps for certain housing & services only available to that subpopulation (such as DV RRH), it will never prevent a client from accessing all the other available housing & services they are eligible for & wish to pursue. All CE participating agencies work to achieve responsive & streamlined access to services; cooperate to use available resources to achieve the best possible housing outcomes; & work diligently to match interventions w/household needs, strengths & wishes. Compliance w/CE is required for all ESG/CoC funded agencies & many others chose to use the system. Shelter advocates are specially trained to assist clients on a daily basis and encourage them along their journey through case management, parenting classes, job skills training and more. For up to 30 days in shelter, the DV Lead works to help clients obtain permanent, safe and affordable housing, including a means of financial support as well as to help identify and overcome any other barriers faced upon exit. After exiting to permanent housing, clients receive quarterly follow up and support for up to one year to ensure continued safety and success, with continued encouragement to attend support group, counseling or life skills classes as needed.

1C-5e.	Including Safety, Planning, and Confidentiality Protocols in Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes:
1.	safety protocols,
2.	planning protocols, and
3.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Local CoC partners with subject matter expertise on victim services, SafeHomes of Augusta; Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services; and Intimate Partner Violence, strive to conduct partner training at least annually at regular, quarterly, full body CoC meetings. To ensure adherence to best practices, the focus of the training is partly to raise awareness of the impact of trauma on survivors of domestic violence, their functioning, and their ability to engage with services. Moreover, the CoC area project staff is educated about the principles of trauma-informed care with an emphasis on their implementation in the safety and planning protocols in order to enhance effectiveness of programs and facilitate a victim-centered approach to both program planning and service provision. Additionally, annual training is conducted with CE staff to ensure that interactions with clients experiencing domestic violence reflect trauma-informed philosophy, prevent re-traumatization, foster sense of safety, and empower clients to move toward engagement with community resources while establishing autonomy and independence. Consequently, the training's trauma informed focus aids in identifying domestic violence victims, developing effective safety plans, and connecting them to the local domestic violence provider where they are able to gain access to further services, such as legal advocacy, financial assistance, counseling, and case management. The information of the identified clients is not entered into HMIS for safety reasons. The CoC's DV provider uses an HMIS comparable database for data collection and client service record retention. Particular importance is placed on early involvement of domestic violence advocates and service providers with domestic violence victims to ensure continuum of care and immediate access to safety and wellness enhancing services.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+--Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.f.	

1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	No
3.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	No

1C-6a.	Anti-Discrimination Policy--Updating Policies--Assisting Providers--Evaluating Compliance--Addressing Noncompliance.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.f.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	whether your CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback;
2.	how your CoC assisted providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination;
3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policies, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback. Additionally, all CoC policies will be reviewed in the next 6 mo by the new Executive Board, with a specific lens focused on DEI and anti-discrimination. Each CoC Committee is asked for feedback, input & recommendations. In 2020, the CoC approved 2 CoC-wide project-level anti-discrimination policies that mirror fed policy: Involuntary Family Separation & Non-Discrimination and Equal Access & Gender Identity Rule, in line with HUD expectation. Complimentary verbiage was added to the CoC's Governance Charter, Written Standards and CE Policy & Procedures Manual as well. All HUD funded agencies are required to comply w/project-level policies & CE requirements and processes. Access to services, shelter & housing shall be free from discrimination including protections against splitting households based on composition; denying based on gender, age or familial status; & asking for proof or inquiries. Agencies must use appropriate, inclusive language in materials & other policy docs; ensure all clients understand their right to equal access, including privacy rights; be serviced in accordance with their gender identity; implement an anti-harassment policy, ensure a private space for intake/data collection; & include confidentiality practices to keep transgender status confidential. Agencies must create a formal grievance process that is rapid, thorough and openly transparent. The CoC assists partnering agencies with creating anti-discrimination policies consistent w/CoC-wide policies by requiring agencies to adopt the CoC-wide policies into their program procedures; hosting trainings on fair housing, adherence to the equal access & gender identity final rules and anti-discrimination and offer TA to address compliance concerns. The CoC evaluates compliance w/CoC's antidiscrimination policies & CE verbiage by conducting desk & in person monitoring of project every other year. Monitoring includes reviewing policies, procedure manuals, client files & interviewing program staff. The CoC addresses noncompliance w/CoC's anti-discrimination policy by issuing findings & required corrective action, which can include training & oversight. Failure to correct or repetitive noncompliance can result in loss of funding, removal of good standing status w/CoC & notification to other funders and interested parties.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area--New Admissions--General/Limited Preference--Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the FY 2021 CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with--if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2021 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
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Augusta Housing Authority	34%	Yes-Both	No

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC's geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or
2.	state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.

(limit 2,500 characters)

In years past, CoC partner agencies and CA staff struggled to develop a relationship with the local PHA. Numerous invitations to participate often went unanswered and there was not a referral relationship between CoC providers and the local PHA. CE staff worked to continue to assist clients with completing the application process for open waiting lists.

The GA-504 CoC has made great strides recently with collaborating with the Augusta Housing Authority (AHA). AHA has committed to a dedicated staff person that will regularly attend CoC meetings and is working to become a member of the CoC. Collaboration with AHA has also resulted in identification of homeless or previously homeless households who ultimately receive benefits through public housing or the HCV program and the development of preference policies that are more aligned with the needs of persons experiencing housing instability in the local community through the coordinated entry process. In addition, the AHA has committed resources, both personnel and financial, to the annual PIT count and is actively working on development of a formal relationship with the GA-504 CoC.

1C-7b.	Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC's jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing:

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	Yes
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process?

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	No
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	No
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	No
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	No
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	
		No

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	No
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
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	If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.
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## 1C-7e.1. List of PHAs with MOUs

**Name of PHA:** Augusta Housing Authority

## 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

1D-1.	Discharge Planning Coordination.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.h.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the systems of care listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs.

1. Foster Care	Yes
2. Health Care	No
3. Mental Health Care	Yes
4. Correctional Facilities	No

1D-2.	Housing First—Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition.	3
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	3
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

1D-2a.	Project Evaluation for Housing First Compliance.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC evaluates every recipient—that checks Housing First on their Project Application—to determine if they are actually using a Housing First approach;
2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; and
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of the competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

In the CoC competition, the GA-504 CoC required all renewal & new projects to fully commit to the HF approach & check HF related boxes in the project app. These apps are reviewed for consistency & commitment to Housing First. To ensure compliance, Housing 1st practices are reviewed during the regular on-site or desk monitoring the CoC conducts throughout the year using a CoC Board approved HF checklist. External to the CoC competition, CoC staff conduct monitoring visits w/all direct CoC recipients at least once every 2 years. Each project is assessed & scored on compliance with HF specific factors. Interviews are conducted w/staff & clients; written documents & program forms are reviewed, and outcomes & data are analyzed. Findings & corrections are issued on HF outside of the NOFO Competition process. CoC staff provide TA & training on HF-related topics. For the Competition, the CoC Board has begun using the results of the monitoring process to impact the scoring tool. Agencies w/out a recent assessment are sent a questionnaire to self-assess certain elements of their policies & procedures as it relates to HF. The purpose of the assessment is to ensure those committing to a HF approach are using it, prioritizing rapid placement & stabilization in PH, & removing any unnecessary barriers to services. The specific list of factors the CoC uses during the evaluation are: (1) access to housing-project must have low barriers to entry & ensure households have access despite no income, or criminal or eviction histories; (2) client input-client must be educated on housing search/placement, tenant rights & responsibilities, services offered & principles of Housing 1st, (3) Leasing/rental assistance-clients must have a choice in unit selection & be part of the process. Housing must be permanent w/clients signing lease/sublease & ensuring understanding of tenant rights & how to avoid evictions; (4) Services-clients must have a choice in services including type/intensity. Case plans must be client centered w/staff trained in strategies such as motivational interviewing & harm reduction.

1D-3.	Street Outreach–Scope.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.j.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. your CoC's street outreach efforts, including the methods it uses to ensure all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are identified and engaged;	
	2. whether your CoC's Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC's geographic area;	
	3. how often your CoC conducts street outreach; and	
	4. how your CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC has adopted a coordinated Street Outreach effort leveraging participation from several key partner agencies (PATH, SSVF, etc.) led by the staff of the CoC's CE Team. These Street Outreach events occur twice a month and are targeted to locations within the community that have been identified by Partners, law enforcement and community members as "high-density" areas for the congregation of residents experiencing homelessness. The CE Lead coordinates with existing street outreach programs as well as private and public agencies, social service organizations, etc. for referrals so that individuals sleeping on the streets are prioritized for assistance in the same manner as any other person that is assessed. CE project staff performs outreach at soup kitchens and other areas where the homeless are known to congregate.

1D-4.	Strategies to Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.k.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate strategies your CoC implemented to ensure homelessness is not criminalized and to reverse existing criminalization policies in your CoC's geographic area:

		Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing-RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.l.	

		2021	2022
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC—only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of "Current."	51	0

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits—CoC Annual Training of Project Staff.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.m.	

Indicate in the chart below whether your CoC trains program staff annually on the following mainstream benefits available for program participants within your CoC's geographic area:

	Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.m	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services; and
3.	works with projects to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

To keep program staff up-to-date on mainstream resources, information and availability of resources are disseminated through quarterly CoC and monthly committee meetings, a CoC newsletter, and ongoing training where new information is shared and peer learning is facilitated. The CoC works with mainstream programs that assist persons experiencing homelessness by coordinating with agencies who assist with mainstream benefit applications through the CE sponsor, as well as additional collaboration and coordination with DFCS and other benefit programs. The annual Homeless Stand Down event and other similar Resource Fairs targeted towards local homeless populations, includes healthcare providers who provide clients with onsite medical care and resources. Presenters come to partner agencies and clients to educate on available benefits, eligibility, enrollment and utilization; partner agency staff also assist with these applications on a case management level. 5) The CoC CE Sponsor at CSRA EOA is responsible for the CoC's strategy for mainstream benefits.

CoC partner agency, Golden Harvet has a dedicated caseworker on staff that goes into shelters and other locations with the sole purpose of helping individuals to access benefits. Through the local Health Department, WIC program coordinators also perform this service at various locations throughout the CoC service area to include shelters.

1D-7.	Increasing Capacity for Non-Congregate Sheltering.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.n.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC is increasing its capacity to provide non-congregate sheltering.

(limit 2,500 characters)

GA-504's CA, Augusta HCD, utilized the response to the CV19 pandemic to forge multiple partnerships with local hotel and motel providers to afford access to non-congregate sheltering options when congregate shelter placement was not possible or practical. Utilizing a portion of the jurisdiction's HESG-CV funding award, Augusta HCD placed over 500 households in temporary non-congregate shelter accommodations to families and individuals experiencing literal homelessness in Augusta since the onset of the CV19 pandemic. The partnerships forged in this implementation are open to the community, dependent on the availability of funding, through the community's Coordinated Entry intake and referral process.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:

1.	develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC effectively collaborated with state & local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies & procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks. The CoC Coordinator attended quarterly inter-governmental meetings to address barriers w/in government services w/the response to COVID & other health outbreaks; bi-weekly DPH / EMA COVID emergency response strategy meetings that included local and state Health Dept. staff. The CoC Lead organized weekly local homeless forums w/local officials & CoC partners to support education & awareness of various programs & resources. As part of the DPH/EMA COVID response meetings, the CoC Coordinator worked w/the other 3 CoC leaders, state & local partners to create policy & procedure recommendations using lessons learned during COVID to improve a response to infectious or healthcare crisis w/the goal to add to the local plan to end homelessness previously approved by the local CoC. Specific to the CoC, the CE Team established a process to adjust priorities & policy to address the pandemic when necessary. This policy is codified in the CoC's CE P&P. The CoC amended program standards to address program needs associated w/COVID, and incorporate HUD-issued waiver provisions, as applicable, to program services. The CoC works to prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness by working w/DPH, hospital systems, local clinics & EMA. The CoC Coordinator advocated at the local level for homeless vaccine priority, more PPE, support for shelters & the need for more non-political basic info on COVID, testing & vaccines. CoC Lead staff met with CE and outreach staff, provided education & talk about CE; created lines of communication w/key DPH staff to help address local challenges & hospitals to find space for those in quarantine. The CoC Coordinator worked public health and local shelter staff to expand access & availability of testing, vaccines & supplies for those at risk, vulnerable, or staying in congregate or unsheltered settings.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively equipped providers to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants by:	
1.	sharing information related to public health measures and homelessness, and	
2.	facilitating communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC aimed to equip providers to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among clients by sharing info related to public health measures & homelessness on a consistent basis. At the onset of the pandemic, the CoC Lead organized weekly virtual meetings with all shelter staff and CoC/ESG providers to coordinate efforts and support the mitigation of risk to clients, especially those in congregate settings. The CoC Coordinator intentionally participated in several local, regional and statewide COVID policy groups, met w/elected officials, attended weekly emergency response meetings, joined weekly EMA meetings with local officials & other local, regional and statewide initiatives to ensure the obstacles faced by those experience homelessness were represented. During these meetings, the CoC Coordinator advocated for more partnerships between providers and Public Health and local Emergency Management. The CoC Coordinator shared info w/Partners on safety, evolving guidance & restrictions, need for advocacy, PPE, training opportunities, testing & vaccine rollout by posting on social media and sending weekly mass emails. The City of Augusta created an entire website page dedicated to COVID info, state & fed guidance, funding opportunities, best practices & approach to reduce the spread of COVID & improve system collaboration-especially between homeless services & public health. The page was updated weekly. The CoC facilitated communication btw public health agencies & homeless service providers to ensure street outreach, shelter & housing staff were equipped to prevent or limit outbreaks. Coalition partnership w/public health varied across the CoC. Some created active partnerships to prevent outbreaks & increase vaccines by ensuring coordination of benefits & services, developing policies & safety protocols, providing testing onsite @ shelters, help w/quarantine options, & creating educational material. It was a team approach to addressing false info about COVID & vaccinations which included virtual team meetings, check-ins & updates; & worked w/outreach teams to make sure they had PPE, and access to screening & testing resources.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System—Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;	
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and	
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Homeless individuals are provided access to services from multiple locations throughout the entire CoC geographic area, managed by a Centralized Intake and Assessment (CIA) center to ensure a fair and consistent process. Presentation at the CIA access point is not a prerequisite for service rendering as CE project staff can complete remote and, in some cases, on-site intake and assessment. Assessment can be completed in person, by phone or email, or with homeless outreach teams across the CoC. VI-SPDAT info is used to determine which housing intervention is the most appropriate. Referrals are completed through the CE workflow process in the HMIS system and are available to all HMIS CE Workflow participating programs. Households receive a score and are placed on the prioritization list with the most vulnerable at the top. The HMIS CE workflow process automatically compiles this list daily. The HMIS CE Workflow is completed and the household is enrolled within 24 hours of eligibility determination. CE staff or case managers provide the household with a list of available rental units that meet the needs of the household and assist as necessary with the goal of housing within 30 days. Once households have found appropriate housing and completed documentation, program staff will request financial assistance through the funding source referred by the CE project staff. Homeless households access the system through referrals from a wide variety of programs including, but not limited to, 211, school districts, domestic violence service providers and all members of the CoC. The CE Lead coordinates with existing street outreach programs as well as private and public agencies, social service organizations, etc. for referrals so that individuals sleeping on the streets are prioritized for assistance in the same manner as any other person that is assessed. CE project staff performs outreach at soup kitchens and other areas where the homeless are known to congregate.

1D-9a.	Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and	
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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1D-10.	Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	10/01/2019

1D-10a.	Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities—Identifying Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	your CoC's process for analyzing whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and
2.	what racial disparities your CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC's process for analyzing whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance includes data analysis, client surveys & participant input during monitoring visits. Data includes a HMIS reporting, PIT & CE demographic info. Client surveys include the annual gaps & needs survey, CoC Board approved questions for participants of CoC funded programs, & feedback provided by CoC Partner staff. In comparing the overall rate of homelessness w/the rate by race & ethnicity, the CoC can determine whether there is a disparity. If there is no disparity, the rates will be within reasonable equilibrium of one another. In these assessments, the total population is derived from the US Census Bureau Decennial 2020 count & the count of clients comes from HMIS service data. Using the analysis described, the GA-504 CoC identified that while there are racial disparities in the data relative to the % of the total population experiencing homelessness that Black/African-American and Hispanic, the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance do not evidence a disparity in the provision of assistance. When looking at who experiences homelessness by race, people who are Black are significantly more likely as to experience homelessness in 20-21 compared to White; Multi-race, Am Indian, Native Hawaiian, & Asian. Hispanic/Latino are as likely as non-Hispanic/Latino. The data includes those identified by CE or served in shelter, outreach, , & transitional housing projects. Looking at who entered into CoC-funded RRH or PSH during the same reporting period: showed no statistically significant variance from the trend lines established by those experiencing homelessness. Looking at those exiting successfully to permanent destinations from CoC-funded RRH or PSH in the same reporting period, the overall success rate is higher among racial minorities than whites. By race, success rates for Black, Multi-racial, Asian, Hispanic/Latino are greater than for whites. In summary, those identifying as Black, Am Indian & Native Hawaiian are more likely to experience homelessness than people who are white. Yet, they are also more likely to enter CoC-funded RRH or PSH projects as well.

1D-10b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the strategies your CoC is using to address any racial disparities.

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	No
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	No
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes

9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-10c.	Actions Taken to Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC & homeless provider Partners have taken steps to address disparities in the provision of service or outcomes of homeless assistance identified in 1D-10a. Steps include staff education & awareness; establishing data baselines & collect additional data elements to better understand patterns and measure progress; gather feedback from people w/lived experience to improve project participant outcomes; review policy & procedures, including CE; & expand outreach to places w/underrepresented groups (i.e. Hispanic/Latina communities).. CoC surveys were developed & applications revised to help ensure representatives reflect the populations being served, including race & ethnicity. The HMIS lead created a HMIS customized Racial Disparity report that can be used at the CoC & project level to review rate of homelessness, project entry & outcomes w/race & ethnicity overlays. CoC staff work w/committees to enhance client surveys for the annual gaps & needs assessment & CoC Leadership will continue to host discussions to better understand the experiences of those using the homeless service system. The CE Team is working on policy & procedure review from a racial equity lens, expanding outreach & marketing to underserved areas & populations. CoC Committee members are tasked w/developing strategies to expand access & work to remove barriers to services, particularly for those overrepresented in the homeless pop. Agencies must continue developing robust tools for service-delivery, aware of the racial disparities in outcomes & tailoring support as needed. By creating agency awareness, a mechanism for evaluation & hearing from those w/lived experience, the GA-504 CoC intends to hold agencies accountable for addressing disparities.

1D-10d.	Tracking Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC has established various measures to track progress on prevention or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance. At the CoC level, CoC staff will continue to refine and utilize the customized Racial Disparity HMIS report created by the HMIS lead. Run annually, this data will help the CoC review the overall rate of homelessness by race & ethnicity, program entry and successful exits. Tracking progress CoC-wide year-to-year provides the ability for projects and collaborators to make changes that can impact the data. It is the goal of the GA-504 CoC to see no difference by race in who is experiencing homelessness, that the percentage of those getting into programs matches w/the percentage that is homeless, & that there is no disparity related to race when looking at successful outcomes. This report will be used to educate & inform local CoC partners on their data & continue to use it to assess local progress. CoC staff will continue to use the PIT count demographics to measure change among those sheltered & unsheltered w/in the GA-504 CoC & drilling down to Project level data. PIT data also compartmentalizes fleeing/attempting to flee DV, veterans & youth which can be additional subpopulations to analyze for disparities in service provision. CoC staff will continue to use CE Priority List data to measure change among those experiencing homelessness & those prioritized for interventions. By analyzing these data elements, the CoC can track progress w/the goal to eliminate disparities both in homelessness, access to programs/services & outcomes. The CoC is working o identify additional complimentary measures or elements that should be collected to analyze progress. The GA-504 CoC has measures in place in the recently approved Strategic Plan to end homelessness including enhancing the way we identify, prevent & eliminate disparities. There has also been an expressed interest in expanding the review to include other types of inequities including gender, LGBTQ & disability status.

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC's Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	
	Describe in the field below your CoC's outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision making processes.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Potential CoC members are identified and invited on a rolling basis throughout the year. The CoC has at least one formerly homeless member of the Executive Committee at all times. Through progressive outreach through Partner Agencies, community networking and CE Outreach efforts, new members with lived experience of homelessness are recruited to join and participate in Continuum activities, including participation in Committees and Workgroups, including the CoC's Executive Committee. Participation in the CoC's Executive Committee provides opportunity for local residents with lived experience of homelessness to assume leadership roles and contribute to the decision-making processes of Continuum activities.

1D-11a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	

Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the five categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	7	2
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	2	1
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	7	2
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	2	1
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	1	0

1D-11b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC or CoC membership organizations provide professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC & partner agencies have not historically intentionally provided professional development & employment opportunities to people w/lived exp. This is a component of GA-504's local strategy that is a high-priority for systemic change in 2023. At CoC Board and Committee level, people w/lived experience that participate on the Board, and in CoC Committees in both leadership and non-leadership roles, are provided onboarding support on policy, past practice, homeless service funding & priorities. All are encouraged to join CoC hosted training on housing issues (fair housing, ADA); sub-population specific (LGTBQ, HIV/AIDS, DV, Vets, etc.) subjects; & outreach / engagement strategies. There is never a cost to participate in any trainings for CoC members w/lived exp. Consideration has been given to the hiring process for CoC staff to potentially adjusting recruitment strategies, language in ad & requirements for higher education to actively seek someone w/lived experience for the Homeless Coordinator position tasked w/overseeing the CoC's approved Strategic Plan. In next hiring process for additional positions, efforts to prioritize those w/lived experience & actively seeking people w/direct knowledge of the homeless service system services from a participant perspective. Former clients & others w/lived experience are recruited and encouraged to apply for the CoC Board, CoC leadership positions & join the CoC and CoC committee where they feel that they can make impact. Within partner agencies, staff seek recommendations for people w/lived experience to serve on boards & other policy making entities. Supervisors seek to hire people w/lived experience as CM and/or peer specialists to work alongside clients in housing & shelter programs. Shelters seek volunteers to help w/daily upkeep; operate groups; & provide service feedback & suggestions. Agencies provide staff dev training, volunteer support & onboarding activities to help adjust to the role, provide background knowledge & create a culture of communication & support.

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	how your CoC routinely gathered feedback from people experiencing homelessness and people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG program on their experience receiving assistance; and	
2.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The GA-504 CoC has incorporated entry and exit surveys to better determine the risk factors that contribute to persons experiencing homelessness including those experiencing homelessness for the first time.
2. The GA-504 CoC is Implementing diversion strategies to avoid first time homelessness including collaboration with the faith based community to provide assistance where federally-funded dollars cannot; ID'ing the clients' obstacles, available personal and community resources and utilizing case management to ensure maintenance of housing stability and reduce the potential of experiencing homelessness. Identifying and working with housing subsidy providers and linking eligible households to providers affords the opportunity to have the strongest effect on lowering homelessness rates. The GA-504 also places a strong emphasis on supportive services coupled with permanent housing opportunities for persons with disabling conditions, including addiction. The CoC also works closely with the local Legal Aid organization to provide representation and services for families facing eviction.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.t.	
	Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months that engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:	
	1. reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
	2. reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Through the GA504 CoC's Homeless Task Force Strategic Plan, as Approved by the Augusta, GA Commission in May 2022, the CoC has incorporated through special exemption the opportunity to develop "tiny-home villages" intended specifically for the use of serving the housing needs of residents experiencing homelessness. With the adoption of the Code Amendment in July of 2022, Augusta now has the ability to add this housing and land use type to the community's inventory of available residences for clients served by CoC Partner Agencies. Further, additional actions have been presented and are under consideration for Commission adoption to further modify existing Code and Land Use policies to allow for the incorporation of "Accessory Dwelling Units" to further diversify and add to the inventory of affordable housing in Augusta, Georgia.

## 1E. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking–Local Competition

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a. and 2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC's local competition.	08/01/2022
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1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	

You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes
5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	No

1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.  
Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	4
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

1E-2b.	Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC collected and analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC revises the process for scoring & selecting project annually by collecting & analyzing data, past comp results & getting feedback. PIT, CE & SPM project & CoC level data & trends are reviewed & shared @ CoC mtgs. Scoring Tool criteria includes project performance & outcomes, CE, Housing 1st compliance, SPM & CoC-level action steps. Data sources include project APRs, CE data, monitoring results, customized HMIS reports on project-level SPM & other population & vulnerability metrics. Scoring criteria changes for each housing type (PSH/RRH) given the specific needs of the target population. The CoC collected & analyzed data relative to each project that successfully housed clients in PH by reviewing APR data on housing stability-calculating exits to PH & those retaining PH.

The CoC analyzed data on how long it takes to house people in PH by reviewing CoC APRs & a customized HMIS report that shows LOT btw client entry & move in date. These can be reviewed by project type provider. The CoC also considered specific severity of needs & vulnerabilities experienced by those with difficulties locating, attaining and maintaining PH by awarding pts to those projects serving higher % of clients w/disabilities (including mental health, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders); chronic homeless; no income @ entry; & from unsheltered living situations. Data comes from project APRs & custom HMIS reports to show new entries during Program year. Projects serving those w/the highest barriers may have lower outcome data scores (% exits to PH, increase income, reoccurrence) but have higher scores because of client characteristics (chronicity, disability, no income, coming from unsheltered situation). For new projects, the GA-504 CoC considers proposals to provide housing & services to the hardest to serve populations, particularly in an underserved area. Need based on data is requested & scored in review process. In CE, the assessment score is based on vulnerability and high needs.

1E-3.	Promoting Racial Equity in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC obtained input and included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population;	
	2. how the input from persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, affected how your CoC determined the rating factors used to review project applications;	
	3. how your CoC included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, in the review, selection, and ranking process; and	
	4. how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC obtained input & included people of different races, particularly those overrepresented in our local homeless population by sending out the request for feedback & comments on the scoring tool used to score & rank projects to all local CoC/ESG-funded partners, posting on website, intentional outreach to those working w/BIPOC, LGBTQ & people w/disabilities. All feedback is encouraged & welcome to ensure a strong tool reflective of diverse opinions, experiences & backgrounds is used. The GA-504 CoC used input received to determine the rating factors & scoring metrics used to review project applications. As a result of input, no new factors were added or changes made to the FY22 tool. The CoC included people of different races in review, selection & ranking process to approve all review, selection & ranking policies for renewal & new projects, including scoring & selection criteria; the final CoC app & priority listing w/final rank of all projects. The GA-504 CoC Board includes a representative w/lived experience. Several Board members & CoC Lead staff review each project applications using the approved rubric, scoring & ranking for renewal projects. The CoC rated & ranked projects based on how well they identified barriers to participation faced by people of different races & ethnicities & the steps the project has taken or will take to eliminate those barriers by scoring action plans (which include work on racial disparity & addressing barriers) & CE review. The CE review of demographics includes race & is done w/in the local CoC-level annually. Specifically looking at the difference between race, ethnic and gender disparities. CoC Lead staff reviews data annually & present to local stakeholders and CoC members a snapshot of reoccurrence data & demographics -including whether 1 group is more/less likely to reoccur into homelessness. CoC project monitoring will start including an evaluation on whether projects identified barriers to participation & what steps were taken to address & eliminated those barriers.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;
2.	whether your CoC identified any projects through this process during your local competition this year;
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC routinely conducts an annual ranking and review process of all of its CoC funded projects to determine if they should continue. Projects are ranked based on objective criteria, vulnerability of the population served and system wide capacity to reduce homelessness and promote housing stability. This year, it used the HUD Project Ranking and Rating tool to rank projects based on 12 measures of performance. The tool satisfies the objective criteria requirement in the FY 2022 CoC Program NOFA. Priority is given to projects that serve the most vulnerable target groups, within the target population eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing. Priority is also given to projects which are 100% Dedicated projects to serve chronically homeless individuals and families. Additional ranking criteria are based on the projects' performance in serving the highest number of vulnerable individuals, especially those with more than one condition at entry and those who have experienced domestic violence, abuse, trafficking or other forms of exploitation. Key performance criteria are measures of housing outcomes described in the Rating and Ranking Procedure portion of the CoC's Written Standards. If a project is identified as low performing or demonstrates other unsatisfactory performance measures, including occupancy rate and costs, the project sponsor is advised that the project will be reallocated to meet the CoC's priorities or will be replaced by a project which scores highest on the HUD renewal/expansion project rating tool.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2017 and FY 2022.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	No
2.	Did your CoC inform applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	No
3.	If you selected Yes for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/14/2022
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results—Scores for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Final Project Scores for All Projects attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Applicant Names; 2. Project Names; 3. Project Scores; 4. Project Rank—if accepted; 5. Award amounts; and 6. Projects accepted or rejected status.	Yes
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1E-5c.	1E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/28/2022
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC's website or partner's website.	09/28/2022
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## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Eccovia Solutions
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area.	Statewide
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	04/29/1984
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in databases that meet HUD's comparable database requirements; and	
2.	state whether your CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC and HMIS Lead for GA504 coordinates with the Statewide GAHMIS Steering Committee to ensure access to and participation in an HMIS-comparable database for Augusta's DV Providers. This HMIS-comparable database is developed and maintained, in compliance with HUD HMIS Data Standards, by the GAHMIS Implementation's HMIS vendor, Eccovia Solutions. Through consultation, oversight and engagement with the GAHMIS Steering Committee, GA504 is able to ensure that the GA504 CoC is in compliance with HUD's 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

2A-5.	Bed Coverage Rate—Using HIC, HMIS Data—CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.c. and VII.B.7.	

Enter 2022 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	292	12	247	88.21%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	8	0	8	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	0	0	0	
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	25	0	25	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	159	0	0	0.00%

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:

1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

GA-504's biggest deficits have been in having operating RRH Beds on-line due to provider staffing issues and funding delays. Additionally, the CoC has not been successful thus far in integrating HUD VASH inventory on to HMIS, which is indicative of the 159 OPH beds listed not in HMIS. Continued conversation with local VA Leadership is being pursued to better align this program with the CoC's efforts to consolidate efforts and data. Also, GA-504 continues to work to bring our faith-based missions that provide emergency shelter into our HMIS database, but continued efforts to incentivize their participation have failed to gain their support. The CoC intends to further these efforts through new initiatives conducted by Coordinated Entry staff performing direct outreach to clients served by these providers, with hopes that they will bring their programs online in the coming program year.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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## 2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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- Frequently Asked Questions

2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	02/23/2022
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data—HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	04/29/2022
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2B-3.	PIT Count—Effectively Counting Youth.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how during the planning process for the 2022 PIT count your CoC:
1.	engaged stakeholders that serve homeless youth;
2.	involved homeless youth in the actual count; and
3.	worked with stakeholders to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC implemented several changes to improve its 2022 count to better represent the following sub-populations (1) persons experiencing CH; (2) families w/children and (3) homeless Veterans, (4) homeless youth. Changes included increased coordination with partner agencies and improved HMIS data analysis. The GA-504 PIT count sub-committee held meetings starting in summer of 2021 with agencies that specifically serve each of these populations to identify any potential they may have been unrepresented in the 2020 count and to formulate an improved process for this year. For all populations, including youth, GA-504 improved sheltered data integrity by having the HMIS admin analyze shelter PIT reports and engage in direct TA to ensure data quality, validity and integrity related to CH designation, especially in local emergency shelters. In an effort to improve the sheltered PIT count for homeless families, the HMIS admin provided training to partner agencies who are the main provider of ES services for families within the CoC. Training focused on ensuring accurate intake dates and family composition. To better count homeless youth, PIT Count Coordinators worked with other members of PIT Count Committee to engage youth peer volunteers to identify locations where homeless youth are known to frequent and to participate in the count. The PIT Count Coordinators will continue to work w/stakeholders, community members, business owners & people w/lived experience to review past locations & identify new locations during each PIT planning period. Specifically for youth, the CoC will continue to work w/youth providers & local youth to revamp the night of the count process to select locations where homeless youth would most likely be identified. Feedback was also requested on partners, locations & approaches to use during the post-PIT count (up to 7 days after count). Emphasis is placed on using non-traditional partners, other systems of care, and other "touch points" to help engage w/anyone that may have been missed on the night of the count. In a large geography, the post-blitz PIT service-based count provides more opportunity to reach eligible respondents, especially ones that are harder to identify, such as homeless youth. The CoC will continue to increase coordination with community partners and improve HMIS data quality again to ensure and accurate reflection of sub-populations in future counts.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.a and VII.B.7.c.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable;	
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable; and	
3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or	
4.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2022.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Going into PIT 2022, GA-504 instituted data quality protocol changes to improve the validity of the unsheltered PIT data. There was a heavier focus on providing one-on-one technical assistance with non-HMIS agencies and providing through HMIS data quality training with HMIS-participating agencies these data quality changes improved the validity and reliability of the data. The CoC facilitated increased training opportunities for the community on PIT requirements and specifically worked with the DV shelters and non-HUD-funded transitional housing programs to ensure a complete census on the night of the count. Training focused on ensuring the numbers reported reflect timely data entry and data accuracy from each contributing partner agency. In addition, improved data quality training with HMIS-participating agencies lead to better data collection, resulting in an increase of persons reported from 2018. The CoC lead, organized and analyzed PIT data reports from HMIS and had individual communication with each contributing partner agency to ensure timely data entry and data accuracy. Review of intake dates noted within HMIS ensured a proper count of those utilizing shelter services on the night of the count. The result of this review and subsequent data correction by agencies was a reported increase of persons utilizing emergency shelter on the night of the count.

## 2C. System Performance

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2C-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless--Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.b.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;	
2.	describe your CoC's strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time	

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1)The CoC has incorporated entry and exit surveys to better determine the risk factors that contribute to persons experiencing homelessness including those experiencing homelessness for the first time. The GA-504 also analyzes the supply of permanent housing units for persons with low income throughout the community compared to the number of individuals receiving services through CoC partners annually and the number of days/nights that temporary shelter options are being utilized.

(2)Implementing diversion strategies to avoid first time homelessness including collaboration with the faith based community to provide assistance where federally-funded dollars cannot; ID'ing the clients' obstacles, available personal and community resources and utilizing case management to ensure maintenance of housing stability and reduce the potential of experiencing homelessness. Identifying and working with housing subsidy providers and linking eligible households to providers affords the opportunity to have the strongest effect on lowering homelessness rates. The GA-504 also places a strong emphasis on supportive services coupled with permanent housing opportunities for persons with disabling conditions, including addiction. The CoC also works closely with the local Legal Aid organization to provide representation and services for families facing eviction.

(3) Coordinated entry through CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority's Centralized Intake and Assessment/Resource Center for the Homeless

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.c.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	
2.	describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Using a RRH model that aims to ensure families and individuals are placed within 30 days of presenting for services; clients are assessed using SPDAT tool to ensure provision of appropriate services and interventions; chronically homeless individuals and families are given preference / priority for permanent housing placement. Outreach is performed bi-weekly to actively identify these populations; if PSH is unavailable at the time of assessment, RRH model can be used as interim assistance until PSH placement is possible (if necessary). ID'ing the clients' obstacles to, available personal and community resources and utilizing case management to ensure maintenance of housing stability and reduce the potential of returns to experiences of homelessness. ID'ing and working with housing subsidy providers and lining eligible households to providers affords the opportunity to have the strongest effect on supportive services coupled with the housing assistance. GA504 places strong emphasis on permanent housing opportunities for persons with disabling conditions, including behavioral health/developmental disabilities and addiction.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing—CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.d.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;	
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

GA-504 has developed strategies to increase the rate at which households in ES, TH and RRH exit to permanent destinations. Current strategies are: (1) connect the most vulnerable households to RRH and PSH through an efficient and effective CE system (2) build relationships with local landlords to increase access to affordable housing units (3) connect households to mainstream housing subsidies (4) connect households to support services and mainstream benefits (5) connect households to education/employment training opportunities to improve their self-sufficiency. In unison, these strategies ensure households are linked to affordable housing options, have the necessary income to afford access and sustain that housing and have services available that are appropriate to ensure ongoing housing stability. Strategies to increase the rate at which households in permanent housing projects, other than RRH, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations have been more successful with a rate of 97% in FY18. Current strategies are (1) engage with consumers to ensure they are meeting their individualized service goals and are stable within housing (2) implement the CoC Move On Strategy, which includes providing pre-transition services such as basic living skills training, employment and community integration supports – as well as strong aftercare supports to ensure a successful transition over the long-term and (3) partner with affordable housing providers and cultivate relationships with local landlords to maintain an ongoing list of affordable housing vacancies. These strategies ensure clients in PSH programs are supported in maintaining housing, while fostering opportunities for greater housing self-sufficiency within the community. The position in charge of overseeing all of those strategies is the housing and services committee who reports to the GA-504 Executive Committee.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.e.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;	
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Ga-504 CoC has implemented the utilization of entry/exit surveys to identify the risk factors clients experience allowing for analysis of the impact of these factors on the outcomes the clients experience. The CoC has designated the management of this responsibility to the HMIS admin. Partner RRH/PSH agencies offer wrap around services and intensive case managements to address the barriers that made or kept clients homeless so as to prevent a return. Partner RRH/PSH agencies continue support of clients upon program exit for approximately six months to ensure housing stability and/or provide resources as needed to maintain housing status. Prevention and shelter diversion are key interventions in the CoC's fight to reduce returns to homelessness. Immediate screening for these possibilities at entry preserves emergency beds for those who truly have nowhere else to go. Access to rental subsidies and CM at entry is often enough to ensure formerly homeless households successfully maintain stable housing. The CoC utilizes these tactics interchangeably in its strategy. Prevention targets those at imminent risk of homelessness and diversion targets people as they are applying for entry into shelter. Once a household enters in the system, it is assessed to determine needs through a series of questions during assessment.

Diversion activities include:

- Financial assistance;
- Mediation;
- Legal assistance;
- Exploration of other short term housing options;
- Referral for mainstream resources;
- Other emergency assistance

The determining factor that CE staff will weigh when considering diversion assistance is "but for" the assistance be requested; the household would return to homelessness. This ensures that diversion assistance will be provided to the households in most need.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;	
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1) The CoC's strategy to increase access to employment income is through collaboration with employment agencies and implementing and strengthening supported employment programs. This process begins at the Coordinated Entry project, our CoC's Centralized Intake and Assessment resource center. When families and individuals are assessed at the point of entry, they will be connected with local agencies who provide the necessary services that are appropriate for addressing their specific barriers to self-sufficiency. Some examples of employment resources are: Salvation Army Job Skills Training Program, Walton Options for Independent Living for those with disabilities, Vocational Rehabilitation through the GA DOL for those living with disabilities.
- 2) To increase access to employment, the CoC continues collaborations with providers like Goodwill to help clients gain work skills and employment opportunities. CoC agencies also collaborate on hosting job fairs to help bring employers to clients. CoC Partners work to identify and utilize additional employment opportunities through referrals to local apprenticeship, job training and soft-skills training programs such as Second Chances, RPM, and the EOA High Demand Career Initiative.
- 3) The CoC's Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase jobs and income from employment.

2C-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and	
	2. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income is to coordinate training and outreach and strengthen partnerships with agencies that assist with benefits. The CoC has a SOAR trained staff who act as liaisons with the social security office. The SOAR process is able to be started even before a client gets into housing to help get clients income sooner. These specialists work with clients to help them in the process of obtaining SSI/SSDI benefits to increase non-employment income.

2) The CoC strategy for increasing access to non-employment cash income is to increase non-employment resources the CoC assists clients in connecting with resources through our local Dept. of Human Service programs (TANF, WIC, EBT, etc.) through a partnership agreement between our CE project and the local DFCS office. Multiple CoC agencies work to provide clients with access to agencies that assist with SSI/SSDI, VA disability compensation, and retirement income to ensure clients are able to access benefits or begin the process as soon as possible. For Veteran clients, CoC veteran service providers utilize the VA's Homeless Providers Assistance Program to determine benefits client can access.

3) The CoC Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

## 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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3A-1.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Housing Resources.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.a.	
	You must upload the Housing Leveraging Commitment attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.	

If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
This list contains no items			

## 3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	

Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No
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3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	

If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:

1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and
2.	HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

## 3C. Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes

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3C-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

	Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No
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3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:

1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.

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N/A.

## 4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No
Applicant Name		
This list contains no items		

## 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

We have provided the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:

1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2.	You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
3.	We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
4.	Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
5.	Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
6.	If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.  . We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).  . We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
7.	After you upload each attachment, use the Download feature to access and check the attachment to ensure it matches the required Document Type and to ensure it contains all pages you intend to include.

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	Attachment 1C-7 ...	09/29/2022
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Attachment 1E-1. ...	09/28/2022
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Attachment 1E-2 ...	09/29/2022
1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application	Yes	Attachment 1E-2a ...	09/29/2022
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Attachment 1E-5. ...	09/29/2022
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Attachment 1E-5a....	09/29/2022
1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects	Yes	1E-5b. Final Proj...	09/30/2022
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Attachment 1E-5c ...	09/28/2022
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Attachment 1E5d -...	09/28/2022
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		

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3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		

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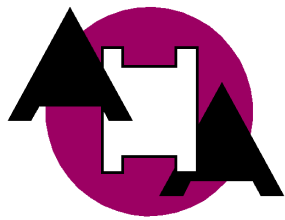
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## Submission Summary

**Ensure that the Project Priority List is complete prior to submitting.**

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# The HOUSING AUTHORITY Of The City of Augusta, Georgia

Thursday, September 29, 2022

RE: Continuum of Care (CoC)

To Whom It May Concern,

The Housing Authority of the City of Augusta, Georgia, understands that the CoC is a critical component of a community's efforts to end homelessness. As a partner in the community, we work toward a common vision and common goals around ending homelessness.

The attached information demonstrates our agency's admission preferences for households experiencing homelessness for our Housing Choice Voucher program (commonly referred to as Section 8) and our Public Housing program.

Our Public Housing utilizes in-house resources via a Resident Services Department to link with tenants with area resources to fulfill needs in the prevention of homelessness, including but not limited to: life skills training, mental health resources, and substance/alcohol abuse rehabilitation resources. Our Housing Choice Voucher program, also, utilizes in-house resources through its own Family Self-Sufficiency program in assisting program participants in the fulfillment of goals of achieving self-sufficiency and the prevention of homelessness.

We look forward to our continued partnership with the Augusta-Richmond County Housing and Community Development and participation in the CoC.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (706) 312-3167 or [dfreeman@augustapha.org](mailto:dfreeman@augustapha.org).

Sincerely,

Douglas Freeman  
Deputy Executive Director

## **Excerpt of the Admin Plan (Housing Choice Voucher), Regarding Preferences**

Families will be selected from the waiting list based on the selection preference(s) for which they qualify. Within each preference category, families will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date and time their complete application is received by the Augusta Housing Authority.

Local preferences will be used to select families from the waiting list. All local preferences will be treated equally at the Augusta Housing Authority.

Among applicants with equal preference status, the waiting list will be organized by the following:

1. By date and time of the application.
2. By priority rating:
  - a. First Priority – Applicants qualifying for a local preference who are occupying Substandard Housing, Involuntary Displaced or Rent Burden (paying more than 50% of family income for rent)
  - b. Second Priority – Applicants not qualifying for a local preference, but paying between 31% and 50% of family income for rent.
  - c. Third Priority – Applicants not qualifying for a local preference but paying 30% or less of family income for rent.

Descriptions of these preferences and their "definitional elements" are as follows:

### **Involuntary Displacement**

Involuntarily displaced applicants are applicants who have been involuntarily displaced and are not living in standard, permanent replacement housing, or will be involuntarily displaced within no more than six months from the date of preference status certification by the family/verification by the Augusta Housing Authority.

Families are considered to be involuntarily displaced if they are required to vacate housing as a result of the following:

1. A disaster (fire, flood, earthquake, etc.) that has caused the unit to be uninhabitable.
2. Federal, state or local government action related to code enforcement, public improvement or development.
3. Action by a housing owner which is beyond an applicant's ability to control, and which occurs despite the applicant's having met all previous conditions of occupancy, and is other than a rent increase.
  - a. For purposes of this definitional element, reasons for an applicant to vacate a housing unit include, but are not limited to:
    - i. Conversion of an applicant's housing unit to non-rental or non-residential use;
  - b. Closure of an applicant's housing unit for rehabilitation or non-residential use;
  - c. Notice to an applicant that s/he must vacate a unit because the owner wants the unit for the owner's personal or family use or occupancy;
  - d. Sale of a housing unit in which an applicant resides under an agreement that the unit must be vacant when possession is transferred; or

- e. Any other legally authorized act that results, or will result, in the withdrawal by the owner of the unit or structure from the rental market.
4. To avoid reprisals because the family provided information on criminal activities to a law enforcement agency and, after a threat assessment, the law enforcement agency recommends rehousing the family to avoid or reduce risk of violence against the family.
  - a. The family must be part of a Witness Protection Program, or the HUD Office or law enforcement agency must have informed the Augusta Housing Authority that the family is part of a similar program.
  - b. The Augusta Housing Authority will take precautions to ensure that the new location of the family is concealed in cases of witness protection.
5. By hate crimes if a member of the family has been the victim of one or more hate crimes, and the applicant has vacated the unit because of the crime or the fear of such a crime has destroyed the applicant's peaceful enjoyment of the unit.
  - a. A hate crime is actual or threatened physical violence or intimidation that is directed against a person or his property and is based on the person's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status.
  - b. The Augusta Housing Authority will determine that the hate crime involved occurred recently or is of a continuing nature.
6. Displacement by non-suitability of the unit when a member of the family has a mobility or other impairment that makes the person unable to use critical elements of the unit and the owner is not legally obligated to make changes to the unit.
  - a. Critical elements are as follows:
    - i. entry and egress of unit and building
    - ii. a sleeping area,
    - iii. a full bathroom,
    - iv. a kitchen if the person with a disability must do their own food preparation/other.
7. Due to HUD disposition of a multifamily project under Section 203 of the Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1978.

**Standard Replacement Housing** In order to receive the displacement preference, applicants who have been displaced must not be living in "standard, permanent replacement housing." Standard replacement housing is defined as housing that is decent, safe and sanitary according to Housing Quality Standards, that is adequate for the family size according to Housing Quality Standards, and that the family is occupying pursuant to a lease or occupancy agreement.

Standard replacement housing does not include transient facilities, hotels, motels, temporary shelters, and (in the case of Victims of Domestic Violence) housing occupied by the individual who engages in such violence. It does not include any individual imprisoned or detained pursuant to State Law or an Act of Congress. Shared housing with family or friends is considered temporary and is not considered standard replacement housing.

### **Substandard Housing**

Applicants who live in substandard housing are families whose dwelling meets one or more of the following criteria provided that the family did not cause the condition:

- Is dilapidated, as cited by officials of local code enforcement office and does not provide safe, adequate shelter; has one or more critical defects or a combination of defects requiring considerable repair; endangers the health, safety, and well-being of family.
- Does not have operable indoor plumbing.
- Does not have usable flush toilet in the unit for the exclusive use of the family.
- Does not have usable bathtub or shower in unit for exclusive family use.
- Does not have adequate, safe electrical service.
- Does not have an adequate, safe source of heat.
- Should, but does not, have a kitchen. (Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Housing is not substandard solely because it does not contain sanitary and/or food preparation facilities in the unit).
- Has been declared unfit for habitation by a government agency.

An applicant who is a "Homeless Family" is considered to be living in substandard housing.

"Homeless Families":

- Lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence; and
- Have a primary nighttime residence that is a supervised public or private shelter providing temporary accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing), or an institution providing temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a public or private place not ordinarily used as a sleeping accommodation for human beings.

Homeless families may maintain their place on the waiting list while completing a transitional housing program.

Families who are residing with friends or relatives on a temporary basis will not be included in the homeless definition.

Persons who reside as part of a family unit shall not be considered a separate household.

### **Rent Burden**

Families paying more than 50% of their income for rent and utilities for at least 90 days commencing before they were selected from the Waiting List/and continuing through the verification of preference will receive this preference. For purposes of this preference, "Family Income" is Gross Monthly Income as defined in the regulations.

"Rent" is defined as the actual amount due under a lease or occupancy agreement calculated on a monthly basis without regard to the amount actually paid, plus the monthly amount of tenant-supplied utilities which can be either:

- The Augusta Housing Authority's reasonable estimate of the cost of such utilities, using the Section 8 Utility Allowance Schedule; or
- The average monthly payments the family actually made for these utilities in the most recent 12-month period, or if information is not obtainable for an appropriate period.

An applicant family may choose which method to use to calculate utilities expense. Any amounts paid to or on behalf of a family under any energy assistance program must be subtracted from the total rent

burden if included in Family Income. The applicant must show that they actually paid the utility bills, regardless of whose name the service is under.

If an applicant owns a mobile home, but rents the space upon which it is located, then "Rent" must include the monthly payment made to amortize the purchase price of the home. Members of a cooperative are "renters" for the purposes of qualifying for the preference. In this case, "Rent" would mean the charges under the occupancy agreement.

### **Excerpt of the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (Public Housing) , Regarding Preferences**

Families will be selected from the waiting list based on preference. Among applicants with the same preference, families will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date and time their complete application is received by the Augusta Housing Authority.

Public housing agencies are permitted to establish local preferences and to give priority to serving families that meet those criteria. HUD specifically authorizes and places restrictions on certain types of local preferences. HUD also permits the Augusta Housing Authority to establish other local preferences, at its discretion. Any local preferences established must be consistent with the Augusta Housing Authority plan and the consolidated plan, and must be based on local housing needs and priorities that can be documented by generally accepted data sources [24 CFR 960.206(a)].

In order to meet the housing needs of local families, the Augusta Housing Authority has established a local preference for families residing within a 25-mile radius from the City of Augusta. This 25-mile radius includes families residing in the following counties: Richmond, Columbia, Burke, McDuffie & Lincoln Counties located in the state of Georgia and Aiken and Edgefield Counties located in the state of South Carolina.

Also, to bring higher income families to public housing the Augusta Housing Authority will establish an additional preference for "working" families, where the head, spouse, co-head, or sole member is employed at least 20 hours per week. As required by HUD, families where the head and spouse, or sole member is a person age 62 or older, or is a person with disabilities, will also be given the benefit of the working preference [24 CFR 960.206(b)(2)]. Preference will also be given to families who are homeless and/or have been involuntarily displaced [24 CFR 960.206(b)5].

The local resident preference will be given the highest ranking, and the working, homeless and involuntary displacement will have equal rankings below.

# Attachment 1E-1: Local Competition Deadline GA-504 CoC FY2022 CoC Competition

The following announcement was published to the Augusta CoC page on the Augusta, Georgia website on August 1, 2022.

This announcement demonstrates the FY22 HUD CoC Competition Timeline publicly posted on the website, as well as distributed through the GA's-504's email listserv. Local deadlines for submission are clearly indicated for August 31, 2022. HMIS and SSO – Coordinated Entry Project Applications were exempted from this deadline as they are exempted from the scoring and ranking process per the GA-504 CoC's Policy on CoC Competition funding.

# **The Augusta, GA CoC (GA-504) is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Fiscal Year 2022 CoC NOFO Competition!**

28-Sep-22

This is the regular annual HUD CoC competition, separate from the recently announced “Supplemental” NOFO for Rural and Unsheltered Homelessness – these two application processes are running concurrently.

The Augusta Homeless Task Force, through Augusta Housing and Community Development (HCD) as the Lead Agency of the Augusta, GA CoC (GA-504) invites interested eligible agencies, including agencies that have not previously received CoC grants, to apply for funding to create housing and related services for those experiencing homelessness in Augusta, Georgia. Applicants responding to this NOFO, in addition to meeting other eligibility criteria as described in the NOFO, must have documented experience managing Federal Grants within the last 2 years.

This summary provides highlights of some of the important information in the FY 2022 CoC NOFO, but it is not intended to be exhaustive or complete. All potential applicants must read the full NOFO and all HUD and esnaps guidance for additional details.

**Program Office:** Community Planning and Development

**Funding Opportunity Title:** Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants

**Funding Opportunity Number:** FR-6600-N-25

**Assistance Listing Number:** 14.267

**Application Due Date:** (for the CoC Level Application submission to HUD) Sept. 30, 2022

**All Augusta, GA CoC (GA-504) New and Renewal Project Applications must be submitted in esnaps no later than 5:00 PM August 31, 2022 to allow time for review, scoring & ranking.**

The full NOFO announcement is available at: [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view\\_opportunity.html?oppId=342855&utm\\_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=2010e6484-CoC-FY22-Program-Competition-08.03.22&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f32b935a5f-22010e6484-19245569](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view_opportunity.html?oppId=342855&utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=2010e6484-CoC-FY22-Program-Competition-08.03.22&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-22010e6484-19245569)

Additional resources will be available on the HUD.gov [CoC Program Competition page](#) and the HUD Exchange [e-snaps Resources page](#). Please be sure you are following 2022 guidance – some of which has not yet been posted by HUD. Applicants are required to complete and submit their applications via esnaps. More information about esnaps, including detailed instructions and guidance will be posted on the [e-snaps page](#).

**Available Funds:** HUD is again using the Tier 1, Tier 2 funding methodology. For 2022 Tier 1 is equal to 95% of the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). For Augusta, our 2022 total ARD is **\$659,086** making our total Tier 1 amount **\$626,132**. Our Tier 2 amount is the difference between

the Tier 1 amount and the CoC's total ARD: **\$32,954** plus a 5% CoC Bonus for one or more eligible New Projects that meet the project eligibility and threshold requirements established by HUD in the NOFO, and a DV Bonus for qualifying projects (and Planning Grant funding of **\$42,322** but only the Collaborative Applicant may apply for Planning Grant funds).

**2022 HTF CoC Bonus funding: up to \$70,536**

**2022 HTF DV Bonus Funding: up to \$141,072**

CoC Number and Name	PPRN	Estimated ARD	Tier 1	CoC Planning	Permanent Housing Bonus (New Projects in PSH, RRH or RRH/TH Joint Project)	Domestic Violence Provider Bonus (New Projects in RRH, TH/RRH Joint or SSO for Coordinated Entry Support)
GA-504 - Augusta-Richmond County CoC	\$1,410,724	\$659,086	\$626,132	\$42,322	<b>\$70,536</b>	<b>\$141,072</b>
<i>* Please review the FY2022 CoC Program Competition NOFA for further details</i>						

**Eligible Project Applicants:** Eligibility information is described in Section V. of the NOFO.

**Eligible Costs:** 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 and section 423(a)(13) of the rules of 42 USC 11383(a)(13) identify the eligible costs for which funding may be requested under the CoC Program. Costs for renewing eligible YHDP renewal projects are eligible costs and may be requested under this NOFO. For YHDP replacement projects eligible costs under the CoC program, including section 423(a) (13) of the Act (42 USC 11383(a)(13)), and costs for eligible YHDP replacement activities described in V.B.4.a.(5) may be requested under this NOFO. HUD will reject any requests for ineligible costs, except as otherwise provided in this NOFO.

**Local Competition Deadlines:** HUD REQUIRES that all Project Applications be submitted to the local CoC no later than 30 days before the CoC Application deadline of September 30, 2022. The CoC must notify all Project Applicants no later than 15 days before the final FY 2022 CoC Application deadline whether their Project Applications will be accepted and ranked, rejected, or reduced as part of the CoC Consolidated Application submission.

**For Augusta: All project applications (both new and renewal) must be submitted in esnaps no later than 5:00 PM August 31, 2022. Applicants will be notified of the HTF Scoring and Ranking results no later than September 15, 2022.**

Please note that HTF is requiring each Applicant, both New and Renewal, to also submit Match Funding letters documenting commitments from other entities. These additional documents are not part of the esnaps application and must be emailed separately to [devans2@augustaga.gov](mailto:devans2@augustaga.gov)

**HTF Request for Renewal Project Applications:** Renewal Projects will be reviewed based on annual Monitoring results and any new information found in their 2022 Renewal Application.

**While the Application is not required to be submitted in esnaps until August 31, 2022, HTF requests that each Renewal Applicant provide the following information to [devans2@augustaga.gov](mailto:devans2@augustaga.gov) for each eligible Renewal Project listed under their agency on the 2022 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) as found on HUD Exchange no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, August 19, 2022:**

1. Does your agency intend to Renew the Grant(s)?
  - a. If NO, will the funds be available for Reallocation?
2. Does your agency intend to Expand the Grant(s)?
  - a. If yes, please see the New Project section, below.
3. Does your agency intend to Transition the Grant(s)?
  - a. If yes, please see New Project section, below.
4. Does your agency intend to Consolidate 2 or more Grants?
  - a. If yes, please indicate which Grants.

**For YHDP Renewal and /or Replacement Applications – HUD has decided that YHDP Renewals will be funded without/regardless of scoring and ranking results – but agencies MUST STILL SUBMIT RENEWAL APPLICATIONS for these projects and follow all other rules and deadlines. Read the NOFO for details!**

**HTF Request for New Project Applications, Expansion Applications, and Transition Applications:** New, Expansion, and Transition Project proposals will be reviewed based primarily on their 2022 Project Applications. In order to better plan and coordinate resources, **HTF requests that all agencies intending to submit a New, Expansion, or Transition Project Application provide the following information to [devans2@augustaga.gov](mailto:devans2@augustaga.gov) for each Project, no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, August 19, 2022:**

1. Description of the proposed new/expansion/transition activities, services, staffing or capacity. Please include specific figures of current and proposed eligible activities.
2. Description of the community's need for the proposed activities.
3. Description of the target population to be served.
4. If your agency has never been awarded CoC funding previously, a description of your agency's understanding of or experience with the population you are proposing to serve.
5. If the proposal includes development of new housing, describe the type, size, number, and location(s) of the housing units.

#### **HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities**

- *Ending homelessness for all persons.*
- *Use a Housing First approach.*

- *Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness.*
- *Improving System Performance.*
- *Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies.*
- *Racial Equity.*
- *Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals.*
- *Persons with Lived Experience.*
- *Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.*

Please see Section II. A. of the NOFO for detailed descriptions of each of these Policy Priorities, and Section II. B. for important information that all applicants should consider regarding CoC Program Implementation.

**Training and Resources:** The CoC Program rule can be found here: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc/regulations](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/regulations)

Training materials, detailed instructions, and program resources will be available here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/> and [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc)

Again – Please be sure you are following 2022 NOFO guidance.

#### **Project Application Scoring/Ranking criteria:**

Please refer to the “HTF FY22 Scoring Criteria and Ranking Procedures” documents which will be posted on the [www.augustaga.gov](http://www.augustaga.gov) website as soon as they are finalized and approved.

**Additional information** related to HTF in general and this NOFO competition in particular will be posted on the Augusta, Georgia website at: <https://www.augustaga.gov/2316/Homeless-Task-Force-GA-504-CoC>

**The HUD Exchange Ask A Question (AAQ).** HUD Exchange AAQ is accessible 24 hours each day at <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/> for questions regarding regulatory or programmatic requirements, or access to/functionality of esnaps. Always check the FAQ list first to see if your question has already been addressed.

**HUD Homeless Assistance Mailing List:** If you have not already done so, we encourage you to subscribe to relevant HUD Mailing Lists by visiting: <https://www.hudexchange.info/mailinglist/>

**For Further Information:** Questions regarding Augusta CoC specific requirements should be directed to Augusta Housing and Community Development at [devans2@augustaga.gov](mailto:devans2@augustaga.gov). This notice and other HTF related information will be posted on the [www.augustaga.gov](http://www.augustaga.gov) website. HTF encourages all interested parties to subscribe to this site to receive notices of any new posts.

**HTF meets regularly on the fourth Thursday of each month from 2:00PM to 3:30PM** at the Salvation Army’s Kroc Center on Broad Street. Meetings are open and we welcome participation by anyone with an interest in helping us work toward ending and preventing homelessness in Augusta, Georgia. For more information on HTF meetings, please contact April Smith at [asmith4@augustaga.gov](mailto:asmith4@augustaga.gov) or by phone at 706-821-1887.

Augusta's Homeless Task Force also includes a number of committees that focus on particular aspects of the work we do. These include the Executive Committee, Criminal Justice Committee, Outreach Committee, Housing Committee, HUD (HMIS & Data) Committee and many others. If you have an interest in a specific topic or population, please consider joining a committee, even if you are not able to attend the full HTF meetings.

Posted and distributed to GA-504 CoC Homeless Task Force mailing list August 1, 2022

RATING RESULTS

Sort projects by:

You can sort the project list below using the drop down selection to the left.

Make sure to save any rating you've done before running.

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RATING RESULTS

Project ID	Grant Number	Renewal, New, Expansion, Reallocate	Project Name	Organization Name	Project Type	General/ DV	McKinney - Vento:	McKinney- Vento: YHDP	All Fam Beds	DV Fam Beds	CH Fam Beds	Vet Fam Beds	Par Youth	All Ind Beds
							YHDP	Renewals					Beds	
EOAPSH	GA0147	Renewal	CSRA S+CR_T	Georgia Housing & Finance Auth	PSH	General	No	No	0	0	0	0	0	13

RATING RESULTS



Sort project  
Not all requirements met or threshold scoring not started

RATING

Project ID	DV Ind Beds	Total CH Ind Beds	Vet Ind Beds	Single Youth Beds	Is 100% Dedicated + or CH Fam (Yes/No)	Is 100% Dedicated + or CH Ind (Yes/No)	Is 100% DV (Yes/No)	CoC Funding Requested	Amount of Other Public Funding (Federal, state, county, city)	Amount of private Funding	CoC Amount Expended Last Operating Year	Met All HUD Threshold Requirements	Met All CoC Threshold Requirements	Weighted Rating Score
EOAPSH	0	13	0	0	No	Yes	NO	\$120,588			\$120,588		Yes	90

## 1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected- Reduced

The GA-504 CoC did not Reject or Reduce any project applications submitted for the FY2022 CoC Competition. In line with the instructions from the FY2022 CoC Program Competition, the CoC Executive Committee and Membership were notified, at least 15 days prior to HUD's FY2022 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline, as evidenced by the attached correspondence, that no project applications were Rejected or Reduced.



## Housing & Community Development Department

Hawthorne E. Welcher, Jr.  
Director

Shauntia Lewis  
Deputy Director

### Public Posting Notification-September 14, 2022

To: Augusta, GA Homeless Task Force (GA-504 CoC) Executive Committee and Membership

Re: Notification of Projects Rejected – Reduced FY2022 HUD CoC Program Competition

This notification is to inform the Leadership and Membership of the GA-504 CoC, dba the Augusta Homeless Task Force, that no Project Applications were Rejected or Reduced for the FY2022 HUD CoC Program Competition.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly at [devans2@augustaga.gov](mailto:devans2@augustaga.gov) with a copy to Lasima Turmon, Program Supervisor, at [lturmon@augustaga.gov](mailto:lturmon@augustaga.gov) or by phone at 706-821-1797.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel J. Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Daniel J. Evans  
Community Development Manger  
Augusta Housing and Community Development



# 1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted

In this attachment, the notification sent to all FY2022 CoC Competition Project Applicants as well as the CoC Executive Committee notifying applicants that their project application(s) were accepted and ranked, in writing, outside of eSnaps at least 15 days prior to HUD's FY2022 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline.

This document shows the final New and Renewal Project Listings publicly posted on the Augusta, Georgia website and distributed via email to applicants and CoC Leadership at least 15 days before HUD's FY2022 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline.



## Housing & Community Development Department

Hawthorne E. Welcher, Jr.  
Director

Shauntia Lewis  
Deputy Director

14 September 2022

RE: FY2022 GA-504 Continuum of Care NOFO Priority Listing – All Selected Projects

### **Public Posting Notification – September 14, 2022**

Please find in the Table below the Project Priority Listing for the FY2022 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC NOFO) Application Process from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Augusta-Richmond County Continuum of Care for the Homeless (GA-504).

Eligible applicants included local non-profit agencies and Units of General Local Government that have been Members in Good Standing of the Augusta-Richmond County Continuum of Care for at least one full year prior to application and met the eligibility guidelines set forth by HUD in the NOFO.

The Table below reflects HUD's anticipated funding of Augusta-Richmond County's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) of \$659,086. In accordance with instructions found in the FY2022 NOFO, \$626,132 in funding represents Tier I Projects. The balance of the Priority Listing below for Augusta, Georgia's Rapid Rehousing Application beyond the Tier I amount is reflected in the table below. As there were no additional applications for GA-504 to represent for Tier II Projects, the below listing represents the full project submission from the GA-504 Continuum of Care.

<b>Project Sponsor / Applicant</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding Request</b>
CSRA EOA, Inc.	Centralized Intake and Assessment	\$167,815
Augusta, Georgia	Intake and Referral Services Coordination HMIS	\$184,475
Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	CSRA S+CR_T Permanent Supportive Housing	\$108,720



Augusta, Georgia	Augusta, GA Rapid Re-Housing	\$165,122
Tier 2 Break at \$626,132		
Augusta, Georgia	Augusta CoC Rapid Re-Housing	\$13,510

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [devans2@augustaga.gov](mailto:devans2@augustaga.gov) or by phone at 706-821-2886.

Respectfully,



Community Development Manager  
Augusta Housing and Community Development

## 1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects

In this PDF file, the chart below demonstrates the final project scores for all new and renewal projects the CoC considered during its local competition. All projects have the applicant name, project name, project score, project rank, award amount, and project accepted or rejected status included.

There were no New project applications submitted for the FY2022 CoC Competition, and the four (4) Renewal included two CoC Infrastructure projects (Coordinated Entry and HMIS) that are unscored per the GA504 CoC Policy. Additionally, the Augusta Rapid Rehousing project application is a first time Renewal without an APR history, that project is also not scored, per GA504 CoC Policy. The GHFA S+C PSH Project is the only scored project reflected on the chart below of submitted project applications for the FY2022 CoC Competition for the GA-504 CoC.

### (1) CoC Project Scoring Tool 2022-FINAL-Final Ranking Tab

- This is the final ranking of all projects in the CoC. This matches the ranked order in the Priority Listing. This is the FINAL Ranking for the CoC Competition FY22.
- Column A is the rank.
- Column B is the applicant name.
- Column C is the project name.
- Column D indicates the project type.
- Column E is the score (points) with the total points received / total points possible.
- Column F is the status of the project – whether it was accepted or rejected
- Column G is the award amount for each project.

**GA-504 Continuum of Care Application Scoring Tool Results**  
**FY2022 CoC Competition**

**FINAL**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Project Score (Pts)</b>	<b>Project Accept or Reject Status</b>	<b>Amount of Funds Requested</b>
1	CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc.	Centralized Intake and Assessment	SSO – Coordinated Entry	N/A – Infrastructure Project	Accept	\$167,815
2	Augusta, Georgia	Intake and Referral Services	HMIS	N/A – Infrastructure Project	Accept	\$184,475
3	Georgia Housing Finance Authority (GHFA)	CSRA S+CR_T Permanent Supportive Housing	PSH	90	Accept	\$120,588
4	Augusta, Georgia	Augusta, GA Rapid Rehousing	RRH	1 <sup>st</sup> Time Renewal	Accept	\$186,208



## Housing & Community Development Department

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Shauntia Lewis  
Deputy Director

28 September 2022

Good Morning GA-504CoC Members,

I am writing to let you know that the GA-504 CoC Homeless Task Force website has been updated with the final documents needed for the FY2022 CoC Competition. I intend on submitting the Priority Listing and CoC Application in e-snaps Thursday (9/29/22). As required by the NOFO, this is the CoC's public notice that the approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the GA-504 CoC's Homeless Task Force Website at least 2 days before HUD's application submission deadline.

The posting includes: the CoC Application, Priority Listings, and all projects accepted, ranked where required, or rejected.

The GA-504 CoC's Homeless Task Force website link is:

<https://www.augustaga.gov/2316/Homeless-Task-Force-GA-504-CoC>

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know ASAP.

Documents posted include:

GA-504 COC Consolidated Application

GA-504 COC Consolidated Application with Attachments

GA-504 COC Priority Listing

GA-504 COC Project Notification – Accepted 2022

In addition, the documents used in the Consolidated Application attachments have been posted.

1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference

1E-1. Local Competition Deadline

1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool

1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project

1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted

1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects

1E-5c. Web Posting CoC-Approved Consolidated Application

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application \*this communication

There will be no attachments for: 1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference; 3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments; 3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements; 3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes

In addition, the documents used in the Priority Listing attachments have been posted.

Attachment #1 – HUD 2991 Con Plan Certifications

Attachment #2 – CoC Project Ranking Tool FINAL

Finally, all of the project applications were posted previously & continue to be on the website along with the final scoring.

Please direct any questions in response to this notification to me directly at 706-821-2886 [devans2@augustaga.gov](mailto:devans2@augustaga.gov) or with a cc: to Lasima Turmon at [lturmon@augustaga.gov](mailto:lturmon@augustaga.gov).

Respectfully,

*Daniel J. Evans*

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City of Augusta

Housing and Community Development Dept.

GA-504 CoC Lead Agency / Collaborative Applicant